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REMARKS

I. Status of the Application.

The original application, United States Patent Application No. 10/730,495, was filed December 5, 2003, with a Request for Continued Examination (the "RCE") filed September 26, 2005 (the "present application"). Concurrent with the filing of the RCE, claims 1-2 and 5-17 were cancelled, and new claims 18-27 were added. In a Response to Office Action dated September 21, 2006, the Applicants amended claim 18, and traversed the examiner's rejections and objections to the claims.

In a Final Office Action dated December 15, 2006, Examiner Chang (1) rejected independent claims 18 and 28, indicating that the language "or solvates thereof" renders the claims in violation of 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, (2) further rejected claims 28-29, and 31-32 as failing to comply with the written description requirement under 35 U.S.C. 112, as the examiner contends that only four N-pyridinyl carbamates are disclosed therein, (3) rejected claims 18, 24, 28-29, and 31-32 as failing under 35 U.S.C. 112 enablement, but did not indicate what portion of the claimed language rendered the claims lacking enablement, (4) rejected claims 28-29 and 31-32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 3,428,642 to Debay, and (5) indicated dependent claims 19-22, and 30 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form and without the use of the terminology "or solvates thereof."

The claims have been rewritten to remove this language, mooted the remaining rejections proposed by the examiner, although Applicants respectfully reserve their right to traverse any such rejections in future proceedings regarding the subject matter. Applicants respectfully request allowance of the claims, based upon the adoption of the allowable subject

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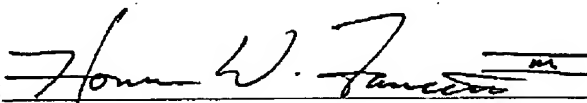
matter noted by the examiner, and as agreed upon in telephone communications with the examiner.

II. Conclusion

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that the Applicants have made a patentable contribution to the art and that this response places the above identified application in condition for allowance, or in the alternative this response places the application in a better form for appeal. Favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner continue to find any of the Claims objectionable for any reason, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned for a telephone interview before taking further action. Applicants do not believe that any fee is required for this filing. However, in the event the Applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for an extension of time or payment of an additional fee, the Applicants conditionally petition therefor, and authorize any fee deficiency to be charged to deposit account 09-0007.

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